



Media Information

Columbus Division of Police
Traffic Bureau / Accident Investigation Unit

Date: 6-23-2018

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Type of Offense/Incident: Fatal Traffic Crash

Date: 6-23-2018

Time: 2:12am

Location of Offense/Incident: E/B Morse Rd. at Tamarack Blvd

Zone: 1

Precinct: 18

Incident Report #: 180513252

Cruiser District: 182

Victim: Kevin Gakure

Sex: M

Race: B

Age: 39

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Suspect: Anthony Ndungu

Address: 383 Schrock Rd

☐ Arrested

☐ Warrant on File

Sex: M

Race: B

Age: 32

Charges:

Suspect:

Address:

☐ Arrested

☐ Warrant on File

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Charges:

Incident Summary: On 6-23-2018 at 2:12am, Anthony Ndungu was operating his 2003 Acura TL eastbound on Morse Rd. As he approached Tamarack Blvd. he ran off the right side of the roadway and struck a pole on the southeast corner of the intersection. Kevin Gakure was the right rear seat passenger, and a male black, only known to Mr. Ndungu as Jerry, was the front seat passenger. After the crash Jerry fled the scene prior to police and fire arrival. Mr. Gakure was transported to Riverside Methodist Hospital in critical condition. At 3:12am Mr. Gakure was pronounced dead.

During the investigation Mr. Ndungu stated that he had fallen asleep while driving and awoke to the vehicle striking the pole. Mr. Ndungu showed no signs of being impaired. Evidence showed that all three of the passengers were wearing their seatbelts at the time of the crash, but Mr. Gakure still made contact with the rear of the front passenger seat. The seatbelt's latch showed evidence of damage and is under further investigation.

This is the City's 40th traffic related fatality this year.

THIS is an on-going investigation.

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